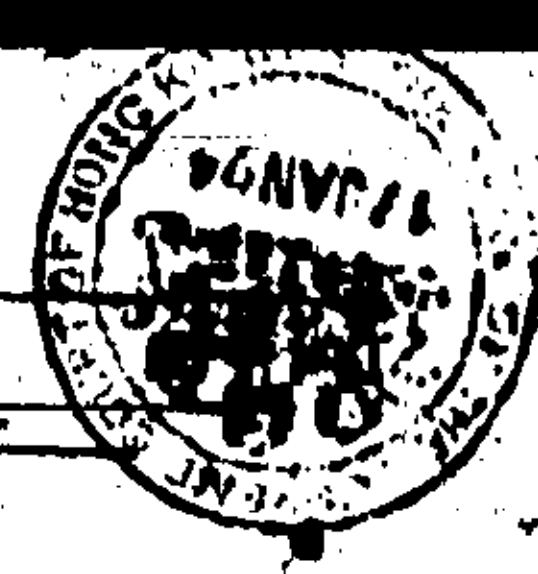




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No. 3654

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Hongkong.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chun, Esq.,
H. Stoller, Esq., Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parra Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTESS BANK, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY)** the 17th January, 1894, at Noon, at Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co.'s Godowns, 7 CHESTS PATINA OPIUM, 6 CHESTS BENARES OPIUM, Ex Steamship "OCEANIAN," (More or less Damaged by Sea Water), For Account of the Consignee.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
H. N. MODY,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1894. [107]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF JAPANESE WARE AND WORKS OF ART.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY,** the 20th January, 1894, commencing at 4.30 P.M., at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDAS STREET. (Received from Japan)
A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE WARE AND WORKS OF ART, Comprising:—
Every branch of JAPANESE ART INDUSTRY! This is one of the FINEST COLLECTIONS that has been offered to the public for some years past.
Descriptive Catalogues will be offered previous to the Sale, and the Articles will be on view from Friday, the 19th instant.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. F. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1894. [102]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted by the MITSU BISHI SHA. and MITSU BISHI COLLIERIE, will from and after the 1st January, 1894, be carried on by a Limited Partnership under the STYLE of the MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA (MITSU BISHI CO., LD.) of which Mr. IWASAKI HISAYA is the Managing Partner.
AGENTS:
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, H. U. JEFFRIES, Manager.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [54]

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK BROUGHAM MARSHALL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in our FIRM.
TAIT & Co.
Amoy, 1st January, 1894. [58]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. / MONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
 - (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
 - (c)—It supplies an excellent investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
 - (d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.
- 2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE**—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application, **DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,** Agents, STANDARD LIFE OFFICE, Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE LION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

WE have this Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, and are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [65]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.
S. J. DAVID & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [475]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [773]

Intimations.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 \$833,333.33-
EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUUK MOON, Esq., LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEL.
MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [774]

Intimations.

STRAYED
FROM Pedder's Hill yesterday afternoon, a POINTER PUPPY. The Finder will oblige by returning the missing animal to "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the **KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,** are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast), Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [728]

NGAI SHANG, 22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
RATTAN FURNITURE of Every Description.
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.
Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and Sundries of all kinds.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [735]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE MARKS of the CHU KWONG LAN (朱廣蘭) and CHU YAU LAN (朱有蘭) Brands respectively, Manufacturers of TOBACCO, have been duly Registered in this Colony pursuant to Ordinance 16 of 1875 and 8 of 1886.

CHU KWONG LAN AND **CHU YAU LAN,** Hongkong, 9th January, 1894. [66]

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—"CENTRAL," SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY, PROPRIETOR.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East, 62, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW STOCK OF SADDLERY. RACING GEAR. STABLE REQUISITES.

RACING SADDLES, WHIPS, BRIDLES, WEIGHT CLOTHS, SADDLE CLOTHS, ROLLERS, GIRTHS, &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893. [30]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS:—THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.
THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. **THE TABLE D'HOTE,** at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.
THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators. **THE READING, WRITING and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms,** the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. **THE WINES & SPIRITS** are selected by an expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. **HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS** of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.
NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

WITH A VIEW TO EFFECTING A CLEARANCE, WE OFFER THE WHOLE STOCK OF OUR

PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES,

MOSTLY IN CABINET SIZE, AT A DISCOUNT OF 25 PER CENT.

A SELECTION OF OVER 500 TO CHOOSE FROM.

THIS OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY ONLY.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 11th January, 1894. [16]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

5,000 NEW CHEAP NOVELS.

WALLACE'S PRINCE OF INDIA, author Ben Hur. A. Telegraph Code. Gellie's Text Book of Geology. New Queen's Regulations. All the Christmas Annuals. Gentlemen's Brown Russia and Call Walking Boots and Shoes.

Dancing Pumps. New Stock Solid-sole Tennis Shoes. Also the Renshaw Shoe. Association and Rugby Footballs. Indian Clubs. Chevalier's New Slog, "Nipper's Lullaby." New Dance Music.

W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1894.

Intimations.

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of January instant, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution, that is to say:—

"That **THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED,** be wound-up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1863 to 1890, and that **HARR BUCK** of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such Winding-up."

Dated the 9th day of January, 1894.

By Order of the Board:

JOHN A. JUPP, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 20th January, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st October, 1893. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. A. DUFF, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1894. [72]

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS, HONGKONG.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the Rooms, No. 13, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd January, at 8.45 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Managing Committee and Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1893.

ROBERT MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1894. [88]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [82]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12.30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited,

General Agents for the West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [83]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 19th January, 1894, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 22nd to MONDAY, the 29th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited,

Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1894. [99]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 2nd February, at 2 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to the 2nd February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1894. [100]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND KEELUNG.

THE Company's Steamship

"**NANOA.**"

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1894. [101]

"**SHIRE**" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"**CARMARTHENSHIRE.**"

Captain Vyvyan, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1894. [1305]

"**WARRACK**" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"**ARGVILL.**"

Captain Williamson, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1894. [1306]

"**SHELL**" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"**BULLMOUTH.**"

Captain Scott, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1894. [161]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"**MACMILLAN.**"

Guthrie, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1893. [37]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"**BANGALORE.**"

Condon, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [39]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"**KENILWORTH.**"

Baker, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1893. [38]

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HO

to the crews who bought the empty vessels into the Min this week.

With the near approach of the China New Year holidays the market price of most articles of merchandise and, in fact, all salable articles, has been reduced in order to tempt buyers; but times are said to be so bad and money so scarce that very little business is being done either in a large or small way.

On Tuesday last a Chinaman wishing to cross the river at the ferry station near the Long Bridge was the victim of a quarrel which took place between the raman men as to who should carry him over. In a free fight which took place he was knocked out of the boat into which he had jumped and was drowned.

Two ill-fated sailors in the city, long marked down by the authorities as nuisances on account of the quarrels they were constantly getting up, have been at last caught and punished with a thousand blows with the open bamboo and a spell of exposure in a cage in the street.

A young Chinese lady, living between the Long Bridge and the city, having lost her betrothed husband through death, made a vow that she would never marry. Out of sympathy for her and from admiration of her resolve, her relatives and friends subscribed amongst them \$1,000 which they have presented to her.

A native store over the Long Bridge has been systematically robbed of its contents by the two watchmen placed in charge of it and the money received by the sale of the goods used for gambling. As this was not successful and they feared discovery if they continued to rob their employer's store, they set fire to the building on Wednesday last, and disappeared. Fortunately the fire was noticed by the neighbours before it had made much progress, and put out. A reward has been offered for the apprehension of the watchmen but so far without effect.—*Echo*.

THE CURSE OF OPIUM IN CHINA.

Under the above heading the *New York Herald* publishes the experience of a missionary who claims to have been twenty-two years in China, the following extraordinary statement:—

"Seven-tenths of the people of China are opium smokers, and 2,000,000 of them die annually from its effects," is the missionary's assertion from the Flowery Kingdom. "This habit is rapidly growing," he went on. "It is confined to no class or sex, but men and women, officials and coolies, use it alike. As soon as opium smoking becomes a confirmed habit with a Chinese, he knows that he has about ten years to live. That makes him the average. I consider it easier to reform a man in the gutter, one of your lowest type of drunkards, than an opium smoker. Place them behind iron bars, if you like, and after being imprisoned a short time they begin to beg and plead for opium. They rave like maniacs and their sufferings are terrible to behold. They act like wild men."

"The opium vice is ruining China. The people know it and the Government knows it, but they take no action. In twenty years it has increased 50 per cent. Fertile fields are now covered with the cultivation of rice and growing the opium weed. The provinces in Northern China, where the terrible famine occurred 15 years ago, and where thousands perished for want of food, had been for years given over to the production of opium instead of food grains. When food was short the people found they could not live on opium, so they starved to death."

"A parallel to the suffering during that famine is hardly equalled by any event in the history of the world. Human beings died in the streets of filth and on the roads. People turned cannibals. Some dug up the bones of others who had died during the famine and ate them. The dead were not buried, for the living had all they could do to take care of themselves."

"Now, today rice is one-third higher in price than it was a score of years ago, because the crop has failed off. Opium shops are everywhere. You may be travelling along with your child in your arms when the first thing you know he will put you down and leave you lying in the streets while he goes in to take a smoke."

BOOKMAKERS AND BETTING.

When some members of Parliament bring in a bill to abolish public betting, then, and then only, can a *Sydney Bulletin*, on the question of public betting, be fairly and honestly discussed. Bookmakers bet on horse races, and as long as Drunken, Cops, Free Handicaps, and Stakes named after vulgar persons are allowed to be entered for by blood-stock, so long will betting proceed unimpeded. The law "puts down" public betting as an instrument of gambling. Race-courses are a convenient used for similar purposes, and a racing club which invites men to enter their horses for a sweep-stake is open to the same objection as the bookmaker who invites them to bet on their chances of finding the winner. Up to now there has been no serious attempt to destroy the root of the evil or even to check away the evil branches. The "reformers" are trying, or pretending to try, to suppress betting, without dealing with the game that incites it. They are not even honest in such action as they take, for whilst these good people would prohibit bookmakers from calling the odds in public they don't ask for legislation against newspapers doing the same thing. Racing clubs are the parents of bookmakers, and the Press may be said to provide the wrong family with most of the daily bread. The bookmaker would be only a small matter, confined to a small circle of sporting men and professional gamblers, were it not for "Sporting Intelligence." Casual interest in horse and occasional betting by the general public, is created wholly and solely by newspapers. They are allowed to publish racing advertisements, direct and indirect—programmes of meetings, latest "quotations," training reports, entries and acceptances for forthcoming events, scratchings, and sporting notes, each one of these items being an ingredient in the bookmaker's life blood. Make it illegal for any sporting news of any kind to be printed and circulated by anybody whatsoever and there would soon be no need to talk about the evils of the turf. The turf would wither, and the money now lost by outsiders at the racing game would be lost almost as freely at the gold-mining, which is also a game of chance, where the players take long odds, or hick favourites, and "hedged" when their fancy investment comes in the market. But that by the way. The argument that the turf is no worse an institution than the Stock Exchange is neither sound nor to the point. The question is simply as to the burning (or otherwise) of propounding new theories for the destruction of turf-gambling, whilst the horse-race itself continues to be legalised and licensed and even smelted upon by the State and its servants. An owner cannot enter his horse for a stake without publicly gambling. The owner who "doesn't bet" is a fiction. His entrance fee is a bet, his first acceptance is another bet, and his second acceptance is a bet like the Melbourne Cup is a big wager. Consider the inherent weakness of the law that attacks bookmakers and totalisators and leaves racing clubs to get up sweeps all the year round!

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

European railroads have no grade crossings. A Barcelona (Spain) hack was founded in 1401.

Canterbury Cathedral in England was founded A.D. 602.

France is generally well-known native good taste and fine taste.

Great Britain has 1,957,000 domestic servants annually earning \$14,000,000.

The ratio of insanity is greatest in Ireland—37 to 10,000; the United States comes next with 33.

The Normans who conquered England shaved the face and the back of the head so that Harold's sword-declined they were an army of priests.

According to the best estimates Great Britain has at present 1,000,000,000 gold, 12,000,000 silver, 1,500,000,000 paper, a total of 1,000,000,000.

The mail train is not a white hotel which sucks ships down into the depths of the ocean. It is an eddy, with a fair weather can be crossed in safety by any vessel.

The great panic of 1857, accompanied by a general suspension of specie payments, was precipitated by the bankruptcy of the Ohio Life and Mutual Insurance Company.

Kant, the German philosopher, was fond of walking, but was so fearful of contracting some infectious disease that he always walked with his lips closed and a handkerchief over his nose.

At least 200 years ago, in the British West Indies two centuries ago, slaves of bread, pinches of snuff, drums of whisky, soap, coconuts, eggs and other common articles were all used as money.

The first horse cars in New York were run along the Bowery in 1833. There were nine street railroads in that city, using 2,000 cars and 20,000 horses, and carrying 225,000,000 passengers yearly.

A female codfish will lay 45,000,000 eggs during a single season. Placental with which she says that they were not for the most part the natural enemies of fish would fill all the available space of the seas, rivers and oceans.

The nineteenth century will not end till midnight Monday, December 31, 1900, although the old calendar will probably again be renewed as to what constitutes a century at midnight on December 31, 1899.

Some time ago an Iowa cyclone followed the route of a railroad for several miles, and now there is a theorist on deck who proposes to steer three storms by means of rails laid and wires strung for the purpose into open sections on country where they can spend their force without damage.

A bouquet of red or pink roses, if placed in a strong light, even when they are first cut will, in a few hours, have a bleached and lifeless look, whilst if they are not so exposed they will retain their color and freshness for several days. The water in which flowers are to be placed should be slightly salted and the ends of the flower stems clipped before they are placed in it.

Professor Bell thinks the time occupied by inventors in working out the problem of aerial navigation by the usual inflated gasbags and methods of steering them is wasted. He thinks a feasible method of propelling and directing an airship would be by a kind of trolley system, where the rod would hang down from the car to the stanchion wire instead of extending upwards. He recommends the idea to inventors.

A surprising number of new restaurants of the cheaper sort in the United States are opened white. Probably their proprietors are following a fashion set by a New Yorker, whose bill of fare consisted largely of milk, who intended to imply as much by the cream-colored front of his place. The so-called "dilly" restaurants and coffee-houses that are scattered about the land and that are painted white are numbered by hundreds.

In the Horticultural building at Chicago there is a solid silver filigree model of that structure which cost \$35,000, or about one-seventh of the large building itself. It weighed 10 pounds, was 11 feet long 3 feet 3 inches wide and 3 feet 0 inches in height. To build it required the services of twelve men working eighteen hours a day for thirteen months. The work was done by the Mexicans, who are the most adept workmen in the filigree art in the world.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Genoa policemen wear silk hats. Great Britain has \$50,000,000 in American bonds.

London's last census gave the metropolis a population of 4,212,121.

Germany prohibits the employment of union men on Government works.

The fashionable cat at the national show in London last year was blue and long haired.

Emigration from European Russia to Siberia is on the increase, and reached 10,000 in 1893.

The Admiralty at London has contracted for three torpedoes to exceed any now afloat. Ten thousand Germans are said to have left their country for Russia, where they propose to live.

The dividends paid to the British owners of the South African mines amounted to over \$6,000,000.

It is said that Herr Krupp has succeeded in constructing a furnace that will burn coal dust perfectly.

The London County Council has allowed \$25,000 to provide for music in the parks and open spaces next summer.

Some of the steamship companies employ more men than are enlisted in the second-class armies of Europe. The Cunard line employs 10,000.

The *Pull Mail Gazette* says that 3,000,000,000 gallons of beer were imbibed in Europe last year, of which Germany consumed 1,051,000,000 gallons.

Soldiers sent to Sicily ostensibly to quell brigandage complain that they are virtually to be used by the land-owners to scare starving peasants.

Victor Burton of the celebrated brewers' firm in London, has become testator and without drawn from the firm, forfeiting thereby his right in it, £1,000,000.

Baron Rothschild has bought a large tract of land, the personal property of the Sultan, near the Jordan. He intends to found there a large Jewish colony.

the Universal Exposition, which will be held in Paris in 1900. Heads of the various departments have already been appointed.

The Italian Government has adopted the auxiliary cruiser idea and arranged with the principal steamship lines out of Genoa that in case of war their seven swiftest ships shall be converted to the service of the country as armed cruisers.

Among the many quaint customs which are gradually disappearing is the so-called "Lion Sermon," which after having been annually preached in the Church of St. Catherine in the city of London for nearly three centuries, has just been abolished.

So rapid has been the growth of the German capital that the municipality of Berlin already finds its spacious Town Hall inadequate to its needs, and an adjacent plot of ground has been purchased at a cost of 5,000,000 marks for the erection of new offices.

The German court is to have a new dance this winter to be called the "gavotte lancée." Eight members of the Royal Plushouse Company gave a private performance of the new quadrille before the Emperor and he at once gave orders for its adoption by the court, in place of the court quadrille.

Count Herbert Bismarck's recent visit to the Empress Frederick at Hamburg is said to denote a marked improvement in the relations of the Imperial family towards the ex-Chancellor. One of the principal causes of the latter's disgrace was the insulting attitude which he, and particularly his son, Herbert, had adopted towards the widow of Otto von Bismarck.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

15th January, 1894.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer at sea level.	Thermometer at 5 p.m.	Direction and Force of Wind.	Direction and Force of Current.	Direction and Force of Tide.	Direction and Force of Drift.
Wanchow.	30.08	65	SW	1	1	1
Tsien.	30.12	65	SW	1	1	1
Ningpo.	30.15	65	SW	1	1	1
Shanghai.	30.18	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.20	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.22	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.24	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.26	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.28	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.30	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.32	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.34	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.36	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.38	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.40	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.42	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.44	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.46	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.48	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.50	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.52	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.54	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.56	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.58	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.60	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.62	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.64	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.66	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.68	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.70	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.72	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.74	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.76	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.78	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.80	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.82	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.84	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.86	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.88	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.90	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.92	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.94	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.96	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.98	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	31.00	65	SW	1	1	1

16th January, 1894.—At 4 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer at sea level.	Thermometer at 4 a.m.	Direction and Force of Wind.	Direction and Force of Current.	Direction and Force of Tide.	Direction and Force of Drift.
Wanchow.	30.08	65	SW	1	1	1
Tsien.	30.12	65	SW	1	1	1
Ningpo.	30.15	65	SW	1	1	1
Shanghai.	30.18	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.20	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.22	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.24	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.26	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.28	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.30	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.32	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.34	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.36	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.38	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.40	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.42	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.44	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.46	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.48	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.50	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.52	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.54	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.56	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.58	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.60	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.62	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.64	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.66	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.68	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.70	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.72	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.74	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.76	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.78	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.80	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.82	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.84	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.86	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.88	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.90	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.92	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.94	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	30.96	65	SW	1	1	1
Swatow.	30.98	65	SW	1	1	1
Amoy.	31.00	65	SW	1	1	1

16th January, 1894.—At 4 a.m. Sea, moderate on coast, for north-east. Sea light. Weather cloudy, some drizzling rain.

Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. Humidity in percent. Direction and Force of Wind. Direction of the wind in points. Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. Force of the current in knots. Direction of the current in points. Force of the tide in feet. Direction of the tide in points. Force of the drift in knots. Direction of the drift in points.

Hongkong Observatory, 16th January, 1894.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day 4 p.m.	On 10 a.m.	On 4 p.m.
Barometer.....	30.03	30.00
Thermometer.....	65	65
Humidity.....	72	72
Direction of wind.....	SW	SW
Force of wind.....	1	1
Direction of current.....	1	1
Force of current.....	1	1
Direction of tide.....	1	1
Force of tide.....	1	1
Direction of drift.....	1	1
Force of drift.....	1	1

Highest open air temperature on the 15th.....65
Lowest open air temperature on the 15th.....50
F. G. FROD, First Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, 16th January, 1894.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Marine, Geo. Falconer & Co's Register.)	To-day.
Barometer at sea level.....	30.00
Thermometer at 5 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 10 a.m.....	65
Thermometer at 4 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 1 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 8 a.m.....	65
Thermometer at 5 a.m.....	65
Thermometer at 2 a.m.....	65
Thermometer at 11 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 8 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 5 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 2 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 11 a.m.....	65
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Thermometer at 8 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 5 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 2 p.m.....	65
Thermometer at 11 a.m.....	

